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**SENATE APPROVES \$2 MILLION TO BUILD NARRAGANSETT BAY
EDUCATION CENTER IN PROVIDENCE**

***Bill Also Includes \$75,000 for Adolescent Behavior Control Programs
Save the Bay Praises Chafee for Securing Funds for Narragansett Bay***

WASHINGTON, DC – The United States Senate today approved the final version of spending legislation – the Appropriations Conference Report for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State – that includes \$2.075 million for two Rhode Island projects supported by Senator Lincoln Chafee.

The bill includes \$2 million for the construction of Save the Bay's Explore the Bay Education Center in Providence. Additionally, the bill provides \$75,000 to assist the Adolescent Behavior Control Programs established in 1998 by the CODAC Treatment Centers.

The bill must be approved by the House, and will then be sent to the White House, where the President has indicated he will sign it into law.

On April 30, 2001, Senator Chafee wrote to Senators Judd Gregg (R-NH) and Ernest Hollings (D-SC) -- Chair and Ranking member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on the Departments of Commerce, Justice and State – to request funding for both projects.

SAVE THE BAY'S *Explore the Bay Education Center* in Providence (\$2 million)

Save the Bay, a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting Narragansett Bay recently embarked on a \$7 million capital campaign for the construction of an education center in downtown Providence. The 15,000 square-foot education center, with direct access to Narragansett Bay and its marine resources, would provide hands-on educational activities to the public, specifically targeting the surrounding urban community, with the goal of increasing the public's knowledge of estuarine ecosystems.

The docked center would provide critical access to the Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Service (NBNERR). This reserve, which joined the National Estuarine Reserve System in 1980, consists of over 3,900 underutilized acres of high-value land and water

estuarine habitat. In addition, the Explore the Bay Education Center would assist federal agencies, including NOAA, in meeting federal habitat restoration goals by acting as an information clearinghouse and facility for habitat volunteer training.

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“Narragansett Bay is Rhode Island’s most precious recreational and commercial resource,” Chafee said. “Save the Bay has done a terrific job of helping preserve the Bay, while educating Rhode Islanders about its importance. The Explore the Bay Education Center will provide an invaluable tool for understanding the Bay, while expanding the Bay’s recreational and commercial value in downtown Providence.”

Save the Bay praised Chafee for his efforts to secure the funding for the Education Center.

"Save The Bay is tremendously grateful for Senator Chafee's help in securing the \$2 million federal appropriation to support Save The Bay's Explore The Bay programs. These federal dollars will be used to bring thousands of urban schoolchildren and families out on Narragansett Bay," said Joan Abrams, past president and co-chair of the Save The Bay's Explore The Bay campaign.

"Save The Bay believes that the best way to truly save Narragansett Bay is to connect many more people to the Bay. By providing these direct experiences and education programs, we hope to foster understanding and stewardship of the Bay for generations to come," said Kate Kilguss, past president and co-chair of the Save The Bay's Explore The Bay campaign.

CODAC Adolescent Behavior Control Programs (\$75,000)

CODAC Treatment Center’s Adolescent Behavior Control (ABC) Programs targets adolescents who, while not yet significantly violent in their behavior, have demonstrated “leanings” toward inappropriate outbursts when frustrated or put on the defensive.

ABC is a pro-active and pre-emptive approach that calls together a team of child psychologists, social workers, and professional staff members, all of whom possess considerable experience in dealing with troubled or vulnerable adolescents. It provides services to youngsters who are experiencing problems with adolescent behavior control. Currently, ABC concentrates its services in the Cranston middle school system.

As a result of ABC’s success in the City of Cranston, CODAC has been contacted by police, juvenile probation officers, and communities across Rhode Island to expand its services statewide.

“The path to an individual’s future success can be forged by the good or bad choices they make as an adolescent,” Chafee said. “CODAC’s Adolescent Behavior Programs work to help young people make the right choices for their future. This funding will help CODAC expand their services across Rhode Island.”